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SUBJECT: THIRD COMMITTEE VOTE ON CHILE RESOLUTION

1. AS INSTRUCTED PER BUFFUM/GARMENT TELECON NOVEMBER  
11, US VOTED IN FAVOR OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PROTECTION  
OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE (L2172). THE RESOLUTION WAS  
ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 88(US)-11-20. TEXT OF US EXPLANATION  
OF VOTE DELIVERED BY LEONARD GARMENT IS REPEATED  
AT THE END OF THIS MESSAGE.

2. IN OTHER EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE, LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES  
OPPOSING THE RESOLUTION SINGLED OUT ITS SELECTIVITY  
WND ITS INTERFERNECE IN THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF A SOVERIGN  
STATE. WEO COUNTRIES REAFFIRMED THE LEGITIMACY OF INTERNATIONAL  
CONCERN OVER THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHEREVER IT MAY  
OCCUR.

3. THE FOLLOWING IS A COUNTRY BY COUNTRY BREAKDOWN  
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OF VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION:

A) THE FOLLOWING 88 COUNTRIES SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTION:

AFGHANISTAN, ALGERIA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BAHAMAS, BAHARAIN, BANGLADESH, BELGIUM, BHUTAN, BOTSWANA, BULGARIA, BURMA, BURUNDI, BYELORUSSIAN SSR, CANADA, COLOMBIA, CONGO, CUBA, CYPRUS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DAHOMEY, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, DENMARK, ECUADOR, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, FINALND, FRANCE, GABON, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, CHANA, GREECE, GUINEA, GUINEA-BISSAU, BUYANA, HUNGARY, ICELAND, INDIA, IRAN, IRELAND, ITALY, IVORY COAST, JAMAICA, JORDAN, KENYA, KUWAIT, LAOS, LESOTHO, LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC, LUXEMBOURG, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MAURITANIA, MEXICO, MONGOLIA, MOZAMBIQUE, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NIGERIA, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, PORTUGAL, QUATAR, ROMANIA, RWANDA, SENEGAL, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SWAZILAND, SWEDEN, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC, THAILAND, TOGO, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UKRAINIAN SSR, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REOUBLICS, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, UNITED STATES, UPPER VOLTA, YEMEN, YUGOSLAVIA, ZAMBIA.

B) THE FOLLOWING 11 COUNTRIES OPPOSED THE RESOLUTION:

ARGENTINA, BOLIBIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY.

C) THE FOLLOWING 20 COUNTRIES ABSTAINED ON THE

RESOLUTION: BARBADOS, COSTA RICA, EGYPT, FIJI, HONDURAS, INDONESIA, JAPAN, LEBANON, LIBERIA, MALAYSIA, NEPAL, NIGER, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, SAUDI ARABIA, SINGAPORE, SPAIN, UGANDA, UNITED REPUBLIC FO CAMEROON, VENEZUELA, ZAIRE.

D) THE FOLLOWING 21 COUNTRIES WERE ABSENT FOR THE VOTE:

ALBANIA, CAMBODIA, CAPE VERDE, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, ETHIOPIA, GAMBIA, GRENADA, HAITI, IRAQ, ISRAEL, MALAWI, MALDIVES, MALTA, MAURITIUS, MOROCCO, OMAN, PERU, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, SIERRA LEONE, SOMALIA, SOUTH AFRICA.

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STATEMENT BY LEONARD GARMENT, UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, IN COMMITTEE THREE, ON RESOLUTION DEALING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE, NOVEMBER 11, 1975

MR. CHAIRMAN, THE UNITED STATES WILL VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTION BEFORE US. THE VOTE OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION IN FAVOR OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION DELAING WITH THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE IS A VOTE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, A VOTE IN

SUPPORT OF THE PURPOSE ASSIGNED TO THIS ORGANIZATION UNDER THE C-4534 "TO ACHIEVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN PROMOTING AND ENCOURAGING RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOR FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS FOR ALL..." OUR VOTE REFLECTS DEEP CONCERN OVER REPORTS WHICH CONTINUE TO COME TO THIS ORGANIZATION FROM MANY CREDIBLE SOURCES ABOUT VIOLATIONS OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS TAKING PLACE IN CHILE. MY GOVERNMENT IS OF THE OPINION THAT THESE REPORTS DESERVE TO BE ADDRESSED BY APPROPRIATE UN ACTION.

IT WAS BECAUSE OF OUR DESIRE TO FIND THE BEST MEANS FOR BRINGING THE INFLUENCE OF WORLD OPINION TO BEAR IN A POSITIVE WAY ON THAT SITUATION THAT MY GOVERNMENT GAVE ITS STRONG SUPPORT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP BY THE UN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THE PRIME OF THAT GOVERNMENT TO WELCOME THE VISIT OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO CHILE WAS, WE THOUGHT, A HOPEFUL SIGN THAT MORE RAPID PROGRESS IN BRINGING ABOUT AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION THERE WOULD OCCUR. CONSEQUENTLY, MY GOVERNMENT WAS DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED THAT THE VISIT OF THE WORKING GROUP TO CHILE DID NOT TAKE PLACE. THE POSITION WE TAKE TODAY HAS BEEN GREATLY INFLUENCED BY THAT DEVELOPMENT.

I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT, UNLIKE OTHER DRAFTS ON THE SITUATION IN CHILE WHICH HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY CIRCULATED AND TO WHICH MY DELEGATION HAS OBJECTED BECAUSE OF THEIR OBJECTIONABLE INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE DRAFT RESOLUTION BEFORE US DRAWS ATTENTION TO SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS TO WHICH CHILE AS WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ARE PARTIES. THESE INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS ARE AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION DURING ITS EXISTENCE. WE REGARD THIS RESOLUTION AS A POSITIVE ATTEMPT TO GIVE MEANING TO THESE HUMAN RIGHTS INSTRUMENTS THROUGH ITS CALL ON THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES TO GIVE FULL RESPECT TO THEM.

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MR CHAIRMAN, HAVING NOTED THE REASONS WHY MY GOVERNMENT HAS VOTED FOR THIS RESOLUTION, I WISH TO RECORD SOME OF THE DOUBTS WE HAVE HAD ABOUT THE RESOLUTION. FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE BEEN HESITANT ABOUT THE APPROACH EMBODIED IN THE RESOLUTION WHICH FOCUSES SPECIFICALLY UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS WHICH ARE STATED TO EXIST IN THAT COUNTRY. I REITERATE OUR CONCERN THAT RESOLUTIONS OF THIS NATURE MUST NOT GO TOO FAR IN THEIR PRESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC MEASURES OF CORRECTION. WE RAISE THIS POINT TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING ACTIONS WHICH CWN BE SEEN AS ATTEMPTING TO INVOLVE THE ORGANIZATION TOO DIRECTLY IN MATTERS OF DOMESTIC CONCERN AS AGAINST RESOLUTIONS WHICH CORRECTLY APPLY AGREED HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES. WE ALSO NOTE THAT THIS ASSEMBLY BY THIS RESOLUTION SINGLES OUT FOR PARTICULAR ATTENTION THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ONE COUNTRY. THIS

LEAVES THE IMPRESSION THAT THE UNITED NATIONS IS WILLING  
TO OVERLOOK SITUATIONS INVOLVING GROSS VIOLATIONS OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS IN  
OTHER COUNTRIES, SOME OF WHICH ARE AMONG THE LOUDEST AND MOST  
BELLIGERENT CRITICS OF CHILE. WE OBJECT TO THIS APPROACH  
BECAUSE IT IS NOT EVENHANDED. TO PUT IN BLUNTLY, FOR SOME  
IT IS AND ACT OF BLATENT HYPOCRISY. IN OUR VIEW THE UNITED  
NATIONS SHOULD ADDRESS PROBLEMS OF THIS NATURE IN A MORE  
GENERAL FASHION WHICH WILL EMPHASIZE THE NEED TO PROTECT  
HUMAN RIGHTS ON A WORLDWIDE BASIS RATHER THAN ADOPT A  
SELECTIVE AND NECESSARILY ONE-SIDED APPROACH. HOWEVER, WHILE  
WE REJECT AND ABHOR THE FLAGRANT APPLICATION OF A DOUBLE  
STANDARD IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WE CANNOT SAY THAT  
THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD REMAIN SILENT IN THE CASE OF CHILE.  
MY DELEGATION REACHED ITS DECISION TO VOTE FOR THIS RESOLUTION  
AFTER A CAREFUL WEIGHING OF THE RESOLUTION'S POSITIVE AND NEG-  
ATIVE ASPECTS. WE CAST OUR VOTE IN THE MANNER WE HOPE WILL  
HAVE THE BEST INFLUENCE IN PROMITING THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.  
WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE WILL TAKE HEED  
OF THE STRONG CONCERN IN THE WORLD WHICH THE VOTE ON THIS  
RESOLUTION REFLECTS. WE HOPE THAT ITS ADOPTION WILL STRENGTHEN  
RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE, A RESPECT WHICH HAS CHARAC-  
TERIZED THE LONG AND PROUD TRADITION OF THE CHILEAN PEOPLE.  
WE TRUST IT WILL STRENGTHEN THE CAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS EVERY-  
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